

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WELFARE TO WORK

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF
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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR COMPETITIVE GRANT REVIEW PROCESS

On December 30, 1997, solicitation guidelines for the submission of Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration's Welfare-to-Work (WtW) grant applications were published in the Federal Register. This bulletin provides information on submission of the WtW competitive applications for review by the State.

Prior to submission of applications to the DOL, all competitive grant applications must be submitted to the Governor for review and comment, or at the Governor's discretion, to the designated State administrative entity for the WtW program. For private entities, State review must be subsequent to review by the Private Industry Council or political entity where the services are to be performed. Applications will include any comments from the Governor/designee. Sufficient opportunity for this purpose has been interpreted as allowing State staff at least 15 calendar days for review and comments from receipt of the application.

The Governor has designated the Employment Development Department (EDD) as the State administrative entity for the WtW program. The EDD's Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) is responsible for performing the review and providing comments relative to competitive grant applications, on behalf of the Governor, in accordance with provisions outlined in the solicitation. The JTPD will solicit comments from the California State Department of Social Services for each grant application.

Competitive grant applications must be received by the DOL by March 10, 1998. To allow sufficient time for State review and comment, applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Providing applications to the State no later than February 11, 1998, will allow the State 15 calendar days to prepare and mail comments back to grant applicants and allow local processing time to meet DOL's March 10, 1998, closing date for receipt of applications. However, applications will be accepted after this date and a good faith effort will be made by the State staff to be responsive to assisting applicants in meeting the DOL closing date.

Applications will be accepted as follows:

Mail:

Employment Development Department
Job Training Partnership Division
Attn: Jim Curtis
P. O. Box 826880, MIC 69-1
Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

Courier Service/Overnight Mail:

Employment Development Department
Job Training Partnership Division
Attn: Jim Curtis
800 Capitol Mall, MIC 69-1
Sacramento, CA 94814

Hand Deliver:

Employment Development Department
Job Training Partnership Division
Attn: Jim Curtis
722 Capitol Mall, Room W1077
Sacramento, CA 94814

Detailed information regarding the solicitation may be obtained by accessing the DOL's WtW Home Page Internet address, <http://wtw.doleta.gov>. Additionally, copies of the Interim Final Rule governing the WtW program, including activities conducted under the competitive grants process, are available on the DOL WtW Home Page.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Nagy at (916) 654-7988.

/S/ BILL BURKE
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